

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Siegfried EBNER et al.

Serial No.: New

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For: A STERILITY-MAINTAINING CONNECTION SYSTEM FOR
MEDICAL SYSTEMS AND USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding claims",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 4, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding claims",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding claims",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 6, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding claims",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 7, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding claims",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 8, line 1, delete "the preceding claim",
insert --claim 7--;

Claim 9, line 1, delete "the preceding claim",
insert --claim 8--;

Claim 10, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding
claims", insert --claim 1--;

Claim 11, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding
claims", insert --claim 1--;

Claim 12, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding
claims". insert --claim 1--;